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Dear Mr. Wilson,

I have just finished going over Batch D of the JFK releases. While I do not believe the Agency will be receptive to any suggestions I do have one in particular: the new Director might well have a non-Agency person in his trust go over these things and tell him whether or not there was ever any reason to withhold them.

If there was any serious Agency interest in knowing what others might take of it from this having these records examined by a good analyst charged with the responsibility for building a case of suspecting the Agency might give it some understanding of the degree to which it goes to attract suspicion to itself and its motives and a possible past.

I personalize one aspect. You have a proper request from me for any and all records on me going back to 1971. You have not complied. You have not acted finally on an appeal long overdue. Aside from suggesting that the Agency would prefer stalling until a court ends its stalling and is in deliberate ~~violation~~ violation of the law these records contain direct and indirect references to me that have not been provided and are quite obviously not complete.

Also personal, you have released and approved for release long ago a record that should have been provided in connection with my C.A.75-1448. It deals with defectors and within the time frame of what is at issue in that case. It was declassified prior to the delivery of what was delivered in that case. Yet it was not given to me or to the Court.

You have not provided me with a copy of the Oswald 201 record that was the subject of a recent National Enquirer story. This suggests a disinformational intent, whether or not there was such an intent. What did happen could have been predicted given the record of those who made the use.

Then there is such cuteness! Like in the so-called sanitizing attributing your source Bringuier to the FBI. Or the vital ~~essential~~ need to meet the Agency's statutory obligations of which I have heard so often by withholding to now its copy of the Executive Order establishing the Warren Commission.

Has anyone in authority stopped to ask what the reaction would be if a Congressional committee were to examine the copies of articles sent certain stations and bases on the JFK assassination and the Commission and some of its critics? How could the Agency respond if asked if it did not propagandize its own people rather than informing them? The Agency sent its own people what it knew to be past mere ridiculousness, not merely factual inaccuracies. And then told its own people to use this with their contacts and assets and even officials of other governments.

Would anyone there care to transpose this to the present and to this country, say to the taking of an Agency employee's word in a court of law?

In the light of this and much more I return to my own requests. I want to know when I can expect to hear further about my personal-files request and my requests for special subjects. The confusion in which you contrive these releases makes my pursuit of the subject requests essential in my work. I have been patient in the hope you would come to recognize the Acts as relating to you. I do not want to file any unnecessary cases. I therefore hope you will give me a meaningful and unevasive response.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg